



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 8, 2004

H.R. 4030 **Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education Act of 2004**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science on March 31, 2004

H.R. 4030 would establish a Congressional medal to be awarded to private entities that have made significant contributions to improving the achievements of elementary or secondary students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Under the bill, a total of 10 medals would be awarded annually by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Funding for the program would be derived from amounts authorized for NSF activities in the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-368). That act authorized appropriations of \$7.4 billion for fiscal year 2005, \$8.5 billion for 2006, and \$9.8 billion for 2007.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4030 would have no significant budgetary impact and would not affect direct spending or revenues. Under this bill, the amounts authorized to be appropriated for NSF would remain at the levels specified in Public Law 107-368, but the scope of the authorized activities would be expanded to include the cost of administering this new program. According to NSF, those costs would be about \$500,000 a year.

H.R. 4030 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, and tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Kathleen Gramp. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.